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(Published in the Afton Fairland American November 20 and 27, 2025)  
**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**In the Matter of the Estate of COLLEEN SHARP, deceased.**  
No. PB-2025-16  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**FINAL ACCOUNT, PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE**  
Notice is hereby given that the duly appointed and qualified Personal Representative of the above-captioned estate has filed in this Court the Final Account and Report of the administration of this estate, Petition for Determination of Heirship, Distribution of this estate, and Discharge of such Personal Representative. Hearing of the same has been fixed for the 11th day of December, 2025, at 1:15 P.M., before the Honorable R. Matt Whalen, Judge of the District Court, in District Courtroom Number 3 of the Ottawa County Court House, Miami, Oklahoma, and all persons interested in this estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why such account should not be settled and allowed, the estate distributed, and the Personal Representative discharged.  
Dated this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen  
Judge of the District Court  
Charles W. Chesnut, OBA #1648  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
34 First Avenue N. E.  
Miami, Oklahoma 74354  
918-542-1845

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**In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICK L. YOUNGBERG, deceased.**  
No. PB-2024-48  
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Judge of the District Court for Personal Representative  
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# CROSSWORD

## Across

1. Biblical weed
8. Hobo
8. Rigorous
14. Arabian port
15. Alias acronym
16. Bumpy
17. Father of time
18. Bottom of the sea
19. Come up with
20. Butterfingered
22. Aromatic chemical
24. Gibraltar passage
25. 1773 jetsam
26. Actor Vigoda
29. Not plentiful
32. Inflexible
34. Catchall abbr.
37. Croquet arena
38. Thrash soundly
39. Batch
41. Octane target
43. A number of
44. Ankara dollar
45. Mattress part
46. Became one
47. Humble
49. Observe
52. Address bk. line
53. Cal. page
55. Orange feature
59. Destined to diet
61. Philadelphia university
62. Salt
65. Luau wear
67. Clock's information
68. Home of St. Francis
69. Albanian currency
70. Hunk of dirt
71. Seep
72. A Canadian export
73. Biddies

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59				60	61			62				
62	63	64		65	66			67				
68				69				70				
71				72				73				

## Down

1. Body soothers
2. Blue, in a way
3. Happen over
4. Body purges
5. Goo goo, e.g.
6. Guitar's kin
7. Concocted
8. Furniture set
9. Make beloved
10. Suddenly turn
11. A notorious Peron
12. Old soldier, abbr.
13. Compass pt.
21. Drink cognac
23. Lettering aid
26. Luminous
27. Type of biotic community
28. Barely beat
30. Grudges
31. Faint with pleasure
33. Stipulations
34. Fanfare
35. Native group
36. Atoll material
40. Ballet step
42. Region of the Yukon
48. Create relief
50. Blade
51. Gripe constantly
54. Cliff hanger
56. Drive out
57. Clunker car
58. Coasters
59. Musical medley
60. Big name in jazz
62. Holy man, in Lisbon
63. Braying beast
64. Belief, in brief
66. Electric fish

S	U	D	O	K	U
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	6		9		2
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8	4				
5	2		9		6

9	2	1	6	8	3	9
1	2	9	9	2	6	7
6	8	2	9	3	1	9
7	9	2	3	6	8	9
2	1	6	7	8	9	3
8	9	3	2	1	9	6
8	2	6	7	1	9	3
3	1	9	9	2	2	8
6	9	8	3	2	1	2

Sudoku uses pure logic and requires no math to solve. It is a number-placement puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the number 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

9	2	1	6	8	3	9
1	2	9	9	2	6	7
6	8	2	9	3	1	9
7	9	2	3	6	8	9
2	1	6	7	8	9	3
8	9	3	2	1	9	6
8	2	6	7	1	9	3
3	1	9	9	2	2	8
6	9	8	3	2		

## 'Tis the season: Tips for keeping your home safe during the holiday season

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Home fires are most common in the winter months, peaking in December and January, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

As the holiday season approaches — and with it colder weather, extravagantly decorated houses, and packed kitchens — Oklahoma State University Extension offers up tips to keep your house standing over the winter months.

**It all starts with electricity**  
Overloaded outlets and loose cords are among the primary causes of this surge in home fires.

To avoid any issues, Scott Frazier, an associate professor of biosystems and agricultural engineering, and OSU Extension specialist for energy management, provides the following advice.

For holiday lights, single extension cords should not exceed 50 feet in length. Also, anything that exceeds the listed amperage could result in the cord becoming hot. Avoid overloading outlets; guidelines call for standard, two-receptacle outlets not to exceed 1,500 watts total.

"Something like a small bedroom heater, that would typically be 1,100 watts," Frazier said. "If you're plugging more into that outlet with two receptacles on it, it better be small."

Frazier also said not to tuck extension cords under carpets and rugs, despite the eyesore they can be. It not only creates a tripping hazard in the house, but if the cord is frayed, it can result in a rug catching on fire.

Be cautious about linking three or more strands of lights together. The more lines linked together, the higher the resistance becomes, which can lead to the cords heating up. If wrapped around a real tree, which dries out over time, there is a risk of fire.

Outdoor lights and extension cords are specifically designed to withstand the weather and winter elements, so be aware of the difference between indoor and outdoor options, Frazier said. Also, pay attention to ensure wiring is not running through puddles of water on the ground.

### Fire comes next

As temperatures drop, people will start using heaters and fireplaces for the first time in months. Before doing so, always check smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

"It's an easy thing to do," Frazier said. "There's really no excuse not to do it."

At a minimum, detectors and fire extinguishers should be placed on every floor in a house, including basements. Frazier recommends that chimneys and fireplaces be inspected annually due to the potential creosote buildup that can occur.

Examine the pressure gauge and dates on the exterior of fire extinguishers to ensure they are properly functioning. "If it's 20 years old, even if the gauge shows it is OK, go get a new one," Frazier said.

Keep extinguishers in easily accessible areas, where a fire is unlikely to occur. Spots like a garage, coat closet, or at the top of stairs are good. Frazier also recommends stashing one in your car. It may save you or someone else from a fire you come upon.

Holidays lend themselves to cooking larger meals than most are accustomed to. To avoid any fire hazards, Frazier advised preparing as much as possible beforehand and keeping the kitchen organized.

Avoid letting unnecessary occupants into the kitchen, like pets and children, unless they have a specific role. Hold off on consuming any alcoholic beverages until after the cooking is completed.

"It's mostly scalding and

fire hazards," Frazier said. "Watch out for pan handles hanging over the edges of stoves and counters."

Every Thanksgiving, videos of people frying turkeys on social media go viral.

"I've seen someone put a frozen turkey in the turkey fryer, and I don't know what the equivalent explosive power would be, but it was spectacular," Frazier said.

When frying a turkey, always do it outside and have a fire extinguisher nearby in case anything goes wrong. A common mistake is overfilling the vat with peanut oil, which will bubble over onto open flames when a turkey is placed in it.

Fire safety blankets are a good option to have around in kitchens and can be thrown onto grease fires to help contain them as a secondary option. They cannot replace a fire extinguisher, though, and you'd need an extinguisher in the event of a grease fire.

### Other guidelines to follow for safety

Older decorations use incandescent lights that can have cracked or dry insulation. Pull out the wiring and inspect it, inch by inch. "If it looks suspicious, throw it away," Frazier said.

Holiday candles should be placed on stable, heat-resistant surfaces, away from pets and children. Never leave it unattended and keep away from decorations that could easily catch on fire. Flameless candles are a great alternative.

Be aware of what table scraps are poisonous to pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Jerusalem cherries can be poisonous to children and pets. Even grapes can be a problem for dogs.

Avoid using furniture as a ladder. Make sure anything you stand on has at least three points of contact with the ground.



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## Legals

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affidavits for longevity pay. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #10: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and forward to the insurance company lost claim from James Tucker in District #1. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #11: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign Highway Cash for December. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #12: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to participate in the State P-Card program. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #13: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign Form 324a for ODOT to pay Kansas Public Works Authority for Project #0378111 on Highway 412. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #14: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to receive and file Copy of Certificate of Liability Insurance and current list of Board of Directors and Officers for the Leach Fire Department as follows: Bill Wells - President; Robert Miller, Matthew Haver, Steven Kendrick - Members; Fire Chief - Tom Pearce; Asst. Chief - Jamie Hix; Requisitioning Officers - Tom Pearce, Jamie Hix, Barbara Barnes; Receiving Officers - Matthew Hark-

er, Robert Miller, Inventory Officer - Bill Wells. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #15: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action six-year lease for washer and dryer from R.J. Kool of Kansas City, Mo., in the amount of \$682.17 per month. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #16: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action six-year lease for washer and dryer from R.J. Kool of Kansas City, Mo., in the amount of \$682.17 per month. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #17: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign letter to BrightSpeed by drafted as directed from last week's meeting concerning Road Use Agreement. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #18: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Officers for Emergency Management as follows: Receiving Officer - Jeff Reeves; Inventory Officer - Jeff Reeves; Requisitioning Officers - David Poindexter, Rhonda Gowan, Kathy Parker. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #19: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to discuss with possible action fire alarm monitoring agreement for the fairgrounds at \$600 per year fee from Technico. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

the fairgrounds at \$600 per year. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #20: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to sign resolution renewing participation in Circuit Engineering District #1. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #21: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to file and move forward with condemnation proceedings on Kansas Dry Creek Road Project per ADA Pam Ireland. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #22: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to advertise for sealed bids on road materials for the County Highway Department for six months. Persons interested in submitting a bid are to contact Michael Baker, P.A., located in the Delaware County Clerk's Office in Jay, Okla. Bids will be opened and reviewed at meeting dated December 16, 2025, at 9 a.m. Bids will be received no later than 3 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office, Jay, Okla., on December 12, 2025. The board reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids and the right to re-advertise. County Bid #25-2608. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #23: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to approve intrastate transfer in the amount of \$4,000 from 10E Capital Outlay to 10D M&O per request of the County Clerk. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

AGENDA #24: A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Beck to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m. Roll call: Commissioner Poindexter-yes; Commissioner Callahan-yes; and Commissioner Beck-yes. Motion carried.

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